

Strategic Plans and Policy on the Joint Staff. Most recently, General Renuart was the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense, in which capacity he also served as the senior military liaison to the military services for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the combatant commands.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to General Renuart for his service to our Nation and I congratulate him on this most recent achievement. NORAD and NORTHCOM are vital to our national security, and I am pleased that they will be under the command of such a capable and esteemed leader as General Renuart.

CONGRATULATING T. MICHAEL
GOODRICH ON HIS INDUCTION
INTO THE ALABAMA ACADEMY
OF HONOR

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor T. Michael Goodrich on the occasion of his induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

Michael's years of leadership and service to the State of Alabama as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of BE&K, Inc. have added in an immeasurable way to the wellbeing of our State and Nation.

His lifetime of service has certainly not gone unnoticed. He has received numerous awards including the NOVA Award from the Construction Innovation Forum and the Excellence in Construction Cornerstone Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors.

Created in 1965, the Alabama Academy of Honor was created to recognize living Alabamians for their accomplishments and service that greatly benefits or reflects credit on the State of Alabama. Ten members may be elected annually by the Academy of Honor with no greater than 100 living members at a time.

Madam Speaker, the following tribute was presented to T. Michael Goodrich at his ceremony of induction into the Academy in 2007. With your permission, I would like to add this tribute to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

T. MICHAEL GOODRICH

T. Michael Goodrich is the chief executive officer and chairman of the board of BE&K, Inc., providing engineering, construction, and maintenance services throughout the world. BE&K was recognized by author Robert Levering and by Fortune magazine as "One of the 100 Best Companies to Work for in America."

Thomas Michael Goodrich was born in Milan, Tennessee, and moved to Birmingham in 1948. He graduated from Indian Springs School, earned a civil engineering degree from Tulane University, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and as Alabama Chief Justice Howell Heflin's first law clerk and later his administrative assistant.

Goodrich began his career at BE&K in 1972 as legal counsel. His responsibility grew along with the company, and he became vice president and general counsel. In 1989, he was named president, in 1995, CEO, and in 2003, chairman. BE&K companies have built such

diverse projects as Fulton County Stadium, Ericsson Stadium, Discovery Cove for Sea World, NASCAR Hall of Fame, and numerous industrial and telecommunications projects. In addition to work in the United States, BE&K operates an industrial construction company in Poland and Russia and a biotech-engineering firm in Helsinki, Finland.

Goodrich has served as board member and officer with numerous industry and civic organizations, including Associated Builders and Contractors of Alabama; Birmingham Construction Industry Authority; Construction Industry Institute; National Building Museum; Birmingham Civil Rights Institute; Lakeshore Hospital; Leadership Council, University of Alabama at Birmingham; University of Alabama Health System; Eisenhower Exchange Fellow; Board of Governors of Indian Springs School; Leadership Alabama; Leadership Birmingham; South Highland Presbyterian Church; and state and national Boy Scouts of America. His awards and honors include the NOVA Award from the Construction Innovation Forum; the Excellence in Construction Cornerstone Award from the Associated Builders and Contractors; the President's Medal from UAB; and the Silver Antelope and Distinguished Eagle Scout awards from the Boys Scouts of America. He was inducted into the National Academy of Construction in 2002 and the State of Alabama Engineering Hall of Fame in 2004.

Mike and Gillian Goodrich have four children and two grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I would like to offer my congratulations to Michael for his many personal and professional achievements and offer a heartfelt "thank you" for a job well done. I know his wife, Gillian, his family, and many friends join with me in praising his accomplishments and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years for the State of Alabama.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OLIVER W.
HILL, SR.

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of civil rights pioneer Oliver W. Hill of Richmond, Virginia, who passed away on August 5, 2007.

Oliver Hill will be remembered for his many achievements and contributions to the causes of equality and justice. He worked tirelessly to ensure that all people are given the same rights and opportunities under the law.

His landmark successes in the field of law, including a crucial role in the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision in 1954, paved the way for the elimination of segregation in this country.

His steady leadership and unwavering dedication to principled change sets him apart as a true hero of our time. His service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to this Nation is a legacy that will continue for future generations of Americans.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Oliver Hill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, on March 28, 2007, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 204, concerning H. Res. 274. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On May 14, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 344, concerning H. Res. 385. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

On August 3, I inadvertently failed to cast a recorded vote on rollcall vote 822, concerning H. Res. 612. Had I cast my vote, I would have voted "aye."

TRIBUTE ON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAVE THE CHILDREN

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SHAYS. Madam Speaker, this year, Save the Children marks its 75th year of service to children. This is certainly an achievement worth celebrating—and Save the Children did so last night at an Anniversary Benefit in New York City. Seventy-five years ago, a group of concerned business people first gathered in New York City to respond to the needs of children in Appalachia, hit hard by the Great Depression. Save the Children USA began with a hot lunch program for undernourished schoolchildren in rural Kentucky. This brought about an almost immediate rise in attendance and academic achievement, and the program became one of the models for the Federal school lunch program. Throughout its history, Save the Children has focused on transforming children's lives by providing families and communities with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty. And Save the Children continues to respond to crises resulting from conflicts or natural disasters. Save the Children's mission remains the same in war-torn Afghanistan, tsunami-stricken Indonesia and the United States' coastal area hit by Hurricane Katrina. In addition to 12 states in the U.S., Save the Children is now in more than 50 countries.

Today, when one in every six children in the U.S. are still living in poverty, and one-third of American children and adolescents are either obese or at risk of becoming obese, Save the Children remains hard at work in rural communities providing literacy, physical activity and nutrition, and early childhood support to children in need. Save the Children is working in some of the Nation's poorest communities: in Appalachia, the Southeast, the Mississippi River Delta, the Gulf Coast, the Southwest and California's Central Valley. In rural communities like these, 2.6 million children live in poverty, and many lack access to the recreational opportunities and affordable, fresh produce they need to sustain healthy lives.

Save the Children's international programs began in the 1940's with sponsorships of children caught in the crossfire of World War II. Today, Save the Children reaches the world's